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SUBJ: NATO DISARMAMENT EXPERTS MEETING

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SUMMARY: DISARMAMENT EXPERTS HELD SEMI- ANNUAL MEETING MAR 27-38. MOST INTERESTING QUESTION DISCUSSED WAS CW. MAIN POINT RELATED TO NEED TO PROCEED ON COMMON BASIS, AND, THEREFORE, THAT DETAILED ALLIED CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED. US CIRCULATED PAPER COVERING WP CAPABILITY AND THREAT, WHICH LED TO GENERAL ASSERTION THAT DETAILED MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS SHOULD BE MADE. SENTIMENT STRONGLY FAVORED COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF VERIFICATION AND ADVOCATING STOCKPILE ABOLITION IN ANY PARTIAL APPROACH. US AGREED ADEQUATE CONSULTATION NECESSARY AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON POSSIBLE INITIATIVE. OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED WERE CTB, WDC, CHINA AND DISARMAMENT, FUTURE OF CCD AND UNSYG'S REPORT ON NAPALM. FRENCH HAD NOTHING PARTICULARLY NEW TO SAY BUT PARTICIPATED MORE IN DISCUSSION THAN USUALLY TRUE IN PAST. FRENCH
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REP MADE CLEAR IF PRC JOINS AN ARMS CONTROL FORUM, FRANCE WOULD TOO. END SUMMARY

1. MOST INTERESTING COUNTRY COMMENTS ON CW WERE AS FOLLOWS:

UK - WANTS WESTERN CW PROPOSAL BUT ONE FULLY CONSIDERED IN NATO FIRST. WESTERN EFFORT SHOULD BE TOWARD COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH WITH EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION INsofar AS IT POSSIBLE TO DO SO. IN ANY EVENT, WEST SHOULD EXPLORE A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH BEFORE GOINT TO LESS. UK RECOGNIZES, HOWEVER, THAT PARTIAL APPROACH IS GAINING SUPPORT. WEST SHOULD NOT GIVE IN -- AT LEAST INITIALLY -- TO SOVIET RELUCTANCE ABOUT ON- SITE INSPECTION. UNIFIED NATO POSITION IS VERY IMPORTANT AND UK WOULD GIVE ANY US PROPOSAL VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

NETHERLANDS - RECOGNIZES VERIFICATION OBSTACLES IN VIEW OF SOVIET ATTITUDE. ALSO RECOGNIZES THAT COUNTERPROPOSAL IF COMPREHENSIVE COULD LEAD TO SOVIET DRAFT AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH UNDESIRABLE. GON WOULD CONSIDER ANY PROPOSAL WITH OPEN MIND ON ITS MERITS. FOR THE MOMENT, DUTCH CONTINUE TO FAVOR COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH WITH EFFECTIVE VERIFICATION.

FRANCE - GOF WILL DECIDE QUESTION ON MERITS, BUT BELIEVES PARTIAL APPORACH LEAST DESIRABLE, ESPECIALLY IF IT DOES NOT INCLUDE STOCKPILE ABOLITION.

FRG - FAVORS COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH, AND BELIEVES STOCKPILES SHOULD BE DONE AWAY WITH. A PARTIAL APPROACH COULD LESSEN THE PRESSURE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE BAN. NPT - LIKE DISCRIMINATION WHICH ALLOWED THOSE COUNTRIES ALREADY PSSESSING STOCKS TO RETAIN THEM, WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE. FRG RECOGNIZES 100 PCT VERIFICATION UNLIKELY AND THAT " MUCH LESS" MIGHT HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED. HOWEVER, VERIFICATION SHOULD BE " SATISFACTORY."

ITALY - SAW DIFFICULTIES IN ANY TREATY WHICH DID NOT INCLUDE ABOLITION OF STOCKS.

BELGIUM - ESSENTIALLY AGREED WITH IDEA TO CONSIDER ANY WESTERN INITIATIVE ON ITS MERITS AND ADDED THAT IF US DECIDES NOT TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO EXPLAIN WHY TO NATO ALLIES.

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US REP STRESSED HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN OR WHETHER USG MIGHT DECIDE THAT IT COULD TAKE A CW INITIATIVE. PRIMARY CONSIDERATION WOULD BE, OF COURSE, THAT ANY SUCH INITIATIVE BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR SECURITY INTERESTS. US REP THEN MADE NUMBER OF GENERAL BACKGROUND POINTS ON CW EMPHASIZING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCOPE AND VERIFICATION, DETERRENT ROLE OF STOCKPILES, AND NEED TO ASSESS ANY POSSIBLE INITIATIVE AGAINST CURRENT SITUATION. HE PUT PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON IMPORTANCE OF ALLIES NOT TAKING PUBLIC POSITIONS RULING OUT ANY PARTICULAR PARTIAL APPROACH.

HE LATER MADE THIS SAME POINT IN PRIVATE TO ITALIAN REP --
FOTANA GUISTI -- ALONG LINES USED WITH ITALIANS IN WASHDC
AND GENEVA.

CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED IN HIS SUMMATION THAT NATO CONSULTATION
LIKELY TO TAKE CONSIDERABLE TIME BECAUSE -- AT LEAST ON SUR-
FACE -- THERE APPEARS TO BE WIDE DIVERGENCE OF VIEW.

2. CTB - BRIEF DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON POSSIBLE SOVIET MOTIVES FOR
SUGGESTING THAT USSR MIGHT INSIST ON PARTICIPATION FOR ALL FIVE
NUCLEAR POWERS IN CTB. US REP GAVE US POSITION ON PARTICIPATION.
DUTHC, WHILE NOTING THAT USG POSITION ABOUT NEED FOR
ON-SITE INSPECTION FOR VERIFICATION UNCHANGED, POINTED OUT THAT
MANY RESPECTED NON-OFFICIAL SOURCES IN US ASSERT SUCH INSPECTION
NOT NECESSARY. THEREFORE, DUTCH SUGGESTED THAT USSR MIGHT FEEL
NEED TO ERECT NEW ADDITIONAL OBSTACLE TO CTB IN FORM OF NUCLEAR
POWERS PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENT.

3. WDC - DISCUSSION ESSENTIALLY BASED ON RECENT SOVIET PRESSURE
TO HAVE SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONVENE. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT IT
WOULD BE USEFUL FOR WESTERN REGIONAL GROUP TO INFORM UNSYG THAT
THEY FELT COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE CONVENED UNLESS IT CLEAR ALL
FIVE NUCLEAR POWERS WOULD PARTICIPATE. HOWEVER, NETHERLANDS
AND ITALY MADE CLEAR THAT IF SUCH MEETING CONVENED, THEY WOULD
MOST CERTAINLY PARTICIPATE.

4. CCD MEMBERSHIP - FRG MADE CLEAR ITS CONTINUED INTEREST IN CCD
MEMBERSHIP, NOTED THAT IT WOULD NOT SEEK SUCH MEMBERSHIP UNTIL
FRG AND GDR GAIN UN MEMBERSHIP, AND EMPHASIZED NEED FOR CON-
SULTATIONS ON SUBJECT EARLY IN 1974. FRANCE SUPPORTS NEED TO
HAVE NEGOTIATING BODY FOR CONSIDERATION OF DISARMAMENT ISSUES
AND NOTED THAT PRC ENTRY INTO SUCH A BODY WOULD LEAD TO CHANGE
IN GOF ATTITUDE ABOUT CCD PARTICIPATION.

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5. UNSYG REPORT ON NAPALM - DUTCH SUGGESTED THAT DISCUSSION
THIS ISSUE MORE APPROPRIATE IN NON-DISARMAMENT FORUM BUT ALL
OTHER SPEAKERS - INCLUDING FRANCE - DISAGREED. UK ASSERTED
THAT CCD CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE BEST MEANS TO PROTECT WESTERN
INTERESTS. THEREFORE, ANY REPLIES TO SYG ON NAPALM REPORT SHOULD
TRY TO STEER QUESTION INTO CCD FORUM. BELGIUM SUGGESTED THAT
DISCUSSION OF NAPALM COULD BE USEFUL WAY TO BOOST POSSIBILITY
OF PLACING LIMITATIONS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS. CHAIRMAN CONCLUDED
THAT IT USEFUL TO HAVE NATO CONSULTATION (IN POLADS PROBABLY IN
JULY OR EARLY AUGUST) PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF REPLIES TO SYG
BY THOSE WHO PLAN TO DO SO.

6. IT WAS DECIDED TO HOLD NEXT EXPERTS SESSION EARLY OCTOBER
WITH DATE TO BE FIXED BY POLADS DURING SUMMER.
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